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Docket No: 13587.2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
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 Trevor Merry et al.)
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 Serial No.: 09/553,454) Art Unit
) 2766
 Filed: April 19, 2000)
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 For: SYSTEM FOR IMAGE ENCODING AND DECODING)
 AND THE PRINTABLE SECURITY DEVICE PRODUCED)
 THEREFROM)

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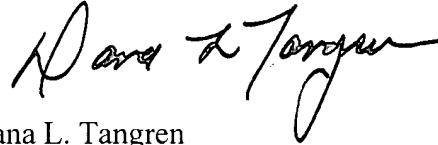
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Respectfully submitted,

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